

The Queen has approved the appointment of Lord Reay to be lord-lieutenant of county of Roxburghe, in the room of the Duke of Roxburghe.

CIGARETTE PAPERS,
FOR AFTER-DINNER SMOKING.
By JOSEPH HATTON.From New York to Clapham
Common.

Fine or wet, you may see almost any morning walking on Clapham Common—where there is still a common left—a quiet, middle-aged gentleman, with an elastic step and white side whiskers, who is thinking out his day's work. I need to know him in a similar condition in the "New York Times" office in the Printing House Square of the Empire City. He treated the library of the "Times" office just as he treats Clapham Common, peering it without a thought of it or its books, as he paces Clapham Common without a thought of its grass or its boardings. When he had finished striding times that library in New York, he came back with a cigarette in his mouth, and he would suddenly turn into one of the cupboard-like writing-rooms that studied the editorial department, and write what was called the third or fourth editorial of the "Times." For years this was a special duty of the paper. It was a sample of subtle humor, and was read and quoted throughout the States. I remember that one of these articles denouncing the importation of the Cleopatra needle (that now decorates Central Park) without the imposition of a protective duty was quoted seriously in an English fair trade journal. Another, denouncing the necessity of compelling rendering icebergs to carry bells and bophorns was in an incautious moment lifted by an inexperienced semi-satirical sub-editor and treated with sober gravity. When the "Times" leader writer was made generally misapprehended for Italy he was greatly contributing to the "New York Herald," more recently he has taken up his residence on the borders of Clapham Common; and his papers "Told by the Colonel" in a popular magazine are beginning to make a name outside the narrow circle of journalistic society. "The humorous man of the 'New York Times'" has been known for years among newspaper men. His name is W. L. Alden, and he is as modest as he is clever.

Famous Novelists at Work.
Talking of Victor Hugo, his method of writing fiction was not like that of the illustrious Frenchman in many other respects. In translating "L'Homme qui Rit" for the "Gentleman's Magazine," experienced navigators had to be called in, ship-builders, sailors of the widest knowledge to interpret the many technical and obsolete nautical phrases that were introduced into the story of the vessel, its navigation, its latitude and longitude, tidal influences, the character of the coast upon which the ship drifted, and its ultimate wreck on the Caskets are described not only with graphic power, but with a technical accuracy as to detail that called into requisition the knowledge of quite an army of experts before the English translation satisfied the fastidious judgment of Mr. E. S. Dallas. Charles Reade would work up a subject with similar care and assiduity. After I had adapted a certain dramatic story for the stage, and Charles Reade had found time to regret (and to say so) that he had taken up the same subject in an unusual spirit of competition, we came to an agreement about his play of "Joan" that surrendered certain rights to me. Then we sat down and talked coal pits and tunnels, he surrounded himself with technical and other books upon the subject; but he listened to me with the interest of a child, because I had lived in a mining region, knew something about underground workings, and could explain in detail some of his pictures and drawings of shafts, timbers, and so on.

A Dramatic Incident.
I recalled an incident in the life of George Stephenson that appealed tremendously to the heroic side of the Reade nature. Every one of my readers will no doubt remember it. There is nothing more dramatic in biographical history than the way in which George Stephenson tested the power of his safety lamp. Accompanied at midnight by his friend Mr. Nicholas Wood and his son Robert he descended the pit, and leaving them at a safe distance entered a heading where a powerful blow of air was blowing. He held his lamp up right in the midst of the gas. Certain and instant death must have been the result had not his invention been a thing. Last week in these pages we were chatting over the life of a famous man. There is something more dramatic in the life of a man than the life of a nation.

It was a busy day, and both his eyesight and his judgment were in constant requisition. With all our mechanical aids and systems the human mind is still the chief factor in railway precautions. A trite saying this, no doubt, but before we criticize systems too severely it is as well to remember it. Do you ever steam through Clapham Junction without wondering how it is that accidents are avoided from day to day? An express running over a series of cross lines and threading its way through a maze of points, and crossing lines that you see winding away in the distance, is a bewildering mixture of peril and safety. The question as to whether signalmen should be doubled in every box, as policemen go in couples on lonely beats, is likely to occupy special attention just now in managerial offices and the railway press.

DESPERATE ENCOUNTER
WITH AMERICAN OUTLAWS.
A telegram from Tablighi, Indian territory, announced that Ned Christie, a notorious outlaw and murderer, has been killed near the place, after a desperate fight with sixteen deputy marshals. Christie and two companions were found by the marshals in a fortified cabin, and were ordered to surrender. This, however, they refused to do. The sheriff then had recourse to dynamite, with which a part of the cabin was destroyed and set on fire. Christie emerged from the hut, and was at once riddled with bullets. One of his companions, who had been wounded, was burned to death in the blazing cabin. The other effected his escape.

The old Hambro Synagogue, in Church-row, Fenchurch-street, was permanently closed on Wednesday, after having served the purpose of a Jewish place of worship since 1793.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Questions regarding the answers to the queries sent to the office by correspondents will be published in the "People" as far as possible. The office is not responsible for the answers given, but will endeavor to publish them as soon as possible.

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CRISWOLD.
LEONARD OUTRA

... and the old Scotch

a screen and seated himself
couch that held a half-copied pic-
The sweet thunder of the organ
away, and Lady Janet's calm,
voice addressed her companion
"Harold."
"Yes, Janet."
"The old look has come back to
face. The look that I have given
to mine of late. It must be some-



"A. H."—The cost of fencing in your
with a close boarded fence, 7ft. high,
materials and workmanship are sound and
will not fall much short of \$20. Better

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visited the islands of Old Providence and St. Andrews, in the Carribean Sea, on October 9th. Houses were blown down, and whole cocoa-nut

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flowers are all laid up in the bulbs now that is required is to bring them for

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A Neat and Elegant Size for Gentlemen
Youths, or in Extra Small Size for Ladies.

PIPER PAN.

BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

"A. M. B." kindly sends a cutting from the Denver journal, which tells how a man adopted a kitten. "Mollie" had a baby of which she was very proud; but baby monkeys are liable to die in captivity, the poor little thing died at the early age of a fortnight. Mollie was disconsolate mourned over the dead body, and for some time refused to let it be taken away from her, resisting all efforts to do so until all her might. After it was buried she refused to eat for two days, and very bad sign in a monkey—and it is feared that she would die also. But on the third day she was sitting near the

By the way, it is not so very long since "The Wife" was performed west of Tennessee. I have a record of representations of it given at the Olympic by the Rousselle in 1876. Six years previously "good ol' T. C. King had played in it at Drury Lane."

I understand that we may expect, "Ma Mie Rosette" is produced, a bri-ensemble and a fine mise-en-scene. The names of the artists engaged speak for themselves—Mr. Courtice Pounds, Mr. E. Oudin, Mr. Frank Wyatt, Miss Neville, Miss Jessie Bond. I am told that management has shown itself espe-cially liberal in the matter of salaries. Still, to its credit is the fact that it has been paying the artists and choriste rehearsals, which have now been going for two months!

It must not be supposed that Mr. P. has left the Savoy "for good." He will, as a part, I hear, in the next opera—a part, let us hope, than that which was to him in "Haddon Hall." In that

OLD IZAAK.

The paper on the "Thames" read at the Anchor and Hope meeting proved a decided success, and the reader's conclusion that the Thames, properly respected and preserved, would afford scope for the people for generations to come, was very warmly applauded. Mr. W. J. Wade made an able chairman. There was a crowded attendance, some excellent music was discoursed, and the room was very tastefully decorated. It is needless to add that "Old Isaac" and the chairman were heartily thanked at the close.

Talking of music, the Thames Angling Association banquet, to be presided over by Mr. Andrew Pears, at the Holborn Restaurant on Monday, December 5th, will be complemented by a selection of high class music such as has rarely, if ever, been heard at a Waltonian feast. Signor Tito Mattei is the conductor, and among the vocalists will be Madame Trebelli, Miss Nellie Carpenter, Miss Harrington Foote, and Mr. Buxton Smith. Tickets should be secured at once.

The Richmond Piscatorialists, who are always flourishing, had a grand entertainment week to welcome their new chairman, Mr. Heath, who received as hearty a greeting as he could wish for, or it was possible to give. The supper was excellent, and the price at the first rate.

Numerous London anglers are now at are having huge takes among the wh and codlings, Messrs. Collins, Overed, T. R. Sachs being well to the front. quantities of sprats are now being caught the fishermen, and make excellent Cartloads of these little fish, I am told taken to a local French factory and t after the manner of sardines. I believe are excellent eating.

I notice that a penny series of extremely humorous Christmas cards, among whose some leading anglers are cleverly depicted has just been issued by Harding and Co. Piccadilly. The portraits of the "General Mr. Watlin, sen.," "Old Isaac," and others will provoke much merriment wherever they are seen.

The Shepherd's Bush Angling Association may be congratulated upon Mr. F. Richter's able, eloquent, and well illustrated lecture on the "Animal Kingdom" given at their club house, the Bush Hotel, on Monday evening. It was listened to with delight by a large audience, and a very high vote of thanks to Mr. Richter at the testimonial to the pleasure afforded. The illustrations, marvels of accuracy, were the work of the lecturer. "Old Isaac" presided, and was supported by Mr. Fountain, secretary of the society, and many prominent anglers.

GENERAL CHATTER, M

There is no department of business displays so much fertile of resources as the jewelry store. A weekly contemporary hit upon the extraordinary expedient of including a short sermon by some eminent cleric in its contents! I should imagine that the avid reader will not feel exactly grateful for such a sweet boon. He will at once perceive, of course, that it takes the place of some news matter, and he will need to be very constituted if he does not keenly resent the substitution of a thing not wanted for what he would doubt some few pious folk be gratified, but imagine their feelings the sermon appears aside by side with a report of some sensational divorce case.

Newspapers must have a good space to let, one would imagine, have to find padding in sermons. really funny thing is the guileless innuendo of the eminent clergymen who have into the trap. They are evidently big the patent fact that the real object of startling new departure is to associate distinguished names with a certain line and thus enhance its circulation by advertisement and reputation. Quite a

Eucalyptus lozenges are wonderfully beneficial in the case of bad colds. At the end of last week I was suffering in that way, and two nights had next to no rest, what between feverishness and incessant coughing. Since, however, I took of these lozenges, I have not only overcome the cough, but have been able to breathe very much easier, and to get rid of all the other symptoms, and within two or three hours I was a different man. I took other medicine whatever, barring podophyllin pill one night. Eucalyptus is not only a powerful astringent, and therefore good for relaxed throat machinery, but possesses restorative quality of great value.

Certain demagogues who pose as champions of the unemployed, make loud boasts that they are "paid organisers," but it does not seem much to be proud of; if I would desert more than half of them, they would desert more than half of me. I should like to know where the money comes from to pay these well-fed gentlemen. Not from the unemployed, it is clear; their pockets are empty. Nor from the trade unions; it is much as they can do at present to obtain funds for their own purposes. I should almost imagine, therefore, that the "paid organisers" are "subsidies from some quarters" which are interested in promoting bad relations between capital and labour.

MADAME.

Two modes are now dividing the favor of fashionable dresses, one being the *waists and straight skirts of the Empire period, with folded sashes fastened either front or at the side with a large rosette.*

other style allows the waist and the bust to be in their natural place, but insists on the huge girdle which is a leg of mutton, close and wide as the waist, and which round the waist; with this the girl who wears the girdle we may expect the coal scot to be as pointed as a needle, and to be as pointed as a needle to make its appearance; in fact it has been already seen on more than one occasion, and it is a lady of fashion, and I must say young, who wears it. The faces look very sweet under the old-fashioned head gear.

Although there is a rage for the revival of the old styles of dress, fashion is not by any means limited to the trim-looking made gowns which with well defined waists, and smart jacket bodices, are worn by the French and otherwise, are worn as much over and are in the best style; as a rule, the sleeves are loose and full in the upper part, but instead of being gathered in an upper bunch on the shoulders, the tendency is to the fullness to drop downwards towards the elbows, where it is gathered into long or short sleeves.

In this variable climate we need to be prepared for all degrees of temperature. I sometimes in sapphire habit, cloth gown and cape on just the style of dress that we well on the warm bright days we had lately. The skirt of walking length straight in front, the side and back being slightly gored; the skirt pattern, the centre of the skirt, had the primrose green well to the centre of the skirt. This cut of skirt has a graceful set; the trimming was a broad band of velvet, which had a rich effect on the clove.

The bodice was tight-fitting, with round basques. A V-shaped opening at the neck was filled with the high neck band as on the skirt; the two deep pointed bands of brown velvet, and deep pointed lapels of blue cloth were placed at each side of the opening; the upper part of the sleeve-velvet fell in a loose pouf to below the elbow, where they were gathered into tight cuffs of the blue cloth; the outlines of the basques and lapels had a narrow band of brown fur. The cape consisted of gathered frills of blue cloth at the lower edge, a little below the waist; each frill a narrow band of brown velvet, having a narrow border of fur. The rolled-back bands of brown velvet. A blue felt hat with wing bows of brown velvet, lined with blue silk, gave the finishing touch to charming costume.

A present fancy is the combination of white smooth cloth with ribbed neck and cuffs. This might be thought my effect is somewhat stiff, but as it is a fashion of the day, I will not care to alter a sample of the dress of a dark-looking bride. Her gown was of a dark navy serge with a coarse diagonal plaid, close-fitting skirt, which is high favored, had for foot trimmings narrow bands of white cloth placed apart, and edged at each side with braid. The bodice, an Eton jacket, to the waist line; it was turned back in revers of white cloth, edged with braid.

When it is not overdone, the plaid fancy is a very pretty one. I saw it used effectively in the doing up of a black crepon dress that had been worn in mourning. The long skirt was taken off and an entirely new character was given to the skirt by putting round the foot pleated ruffles of soft tartan silk. The tight fitting bodice, with crape yoke and long sleeves, was cut into a round, short-waisted shape, the crape yoke being replaced by a wide band of tartan silk, defined round the edges with narrow frill of black crepon. The shoulder sleeves only needed to have the crape wrists replaced by long cuffs of tartan silk. A folded tartan sash went round the waist, fastened in front with a rosette. The transformation of the dress was complete and most satisfactory.

MR. WHEELER.

Much indebted am I to a cycling constable who testifies from his own professional experience to the total falseness of the proposition lately advanced—that wheelmen themselves are often mainly to blame for the annexation of their machines by thieves. "Seeing careless way," he writes, "that valv machines are left standing in the streets, wonder is that many more are not stolen have seen them standing for hours, or longer after dark, in secluded streets with any sort of fastening. Sometimes I am called at the houses and cautioned the right but never have I received a word of thanks. My well-intended warning is either laugh at, or I am twitted with showing off, occasionally with hungering for a tip."

October was anything but friendly to the wheezing world. Except on the occasion of my farewell visit to pretty Daria I did not have a single enjoyable day throughout the month. It so happened that I was otherwise engaged on the few days when that pleasure might have been secured while whenever I was at liberty, down came the everlasting rain. In spite, however, of frequent soakings, I was the only member of the household who did not catch cold and get laid up.

A correspondent wants to know what will be the price of an aluminum triethylene glycol, all the latest improvements. "Would you like to see the 250 note pay the paper?" he asks. "I would like to see more than I can say, never having seen an exact estimate. But I would recommend him to wait a bit; the Aluminum Company has just patented a new process which is expected to largely diminish the cost of production and so confident of its success are the directors that they are about to go to the expense for the necessary plant."

The cycling papers are expending immense amount of trouble and energy to boil up public enthusiasm for the coming cycling shows. They seem to stand on their own waverings! This didigious puffery beforehand will not have slightest effect in increasing the attendance on the cycling shows, and most of them would pay their minds long ago whether they would pay the places a visit or remain at home. For my own part, I candidly confess that I am always infeasibly bored at these monotonous exhibitions after the first half hour. Nor am I peculiar in that respect; we all are. The crowds of gapers that always surround any exhibit which has the slightest aspect of novelty, and how sure the repetition is to single it out for remark.

That the trade is in a very bad way may be of no question whatever. Supply has largely exceeded demand that market is greatly overstocked, and the price of the great and small, more or less, is bound to get rid of surplus stocks. At all the time of the industry, workmen are discharged by the hundred as the only of diminishing output, and although entertained by the sanguine that next year will witness another "boom" similar to 1890, I fear that this expectation represents "the wish that is to be the thought." Just as the money increased production of silver depreciated its market value so the rush of output with the cycle trade augments supply far beyond public requirements. There is only one cure for these things—"the survival of the fittest."

The bargain hunter requires, nevertheless, to have all his wits on the alert; the plenty of "alarming sacrifices" of which would be deafened at any price, most peculiarly among the crowd of goods, "the hardy in believing such legends," "almost new," "very little used," "good as new," and that sort of tattered cases out of the ten, therefore screw loose somewhere, either to hard riding, original weakness of construction, imperfect mechanism, faulty materials. Unwise, therefore, the bargain hunter has the knowledge required to differentiate the sheep from the goats, and prudently by taking counsel with expert before making a purchase.

Whatever it may be elsewhere, cycling is not watched on with lovely woman in India. Instead of the number of wheelsovercreaming, it is the other way about: steadily becoming "small by degrees and beautifully less." What is the reason for this aversion to the bicycle as a means of recreation so general in India and adapted to its requirements? In part it is consequent upon the rude behavior of "Army and his mates, but the major lies in the conviction of the femininethat cycling is "bad form"—a vulgarpastime only fit for the baser sort of people. Of course, it is a stupid superstition, and, if removed, it will be more open to the love the lovely L. from England.

Beware of being tempted away from the allurements of country lanes. The day I suffered myself to be beguiled when returning from Uxbridge I bitterly did I regret it when bogged and had to be negotiated. Here and there gets a bit of fair going, as for instance between Greenford and Ruislip. The rule, the surface is as soft and as adroit as a wet dumpling, necessitating immiserable exertions to make any progress at all on the main roads are quite heavy enough to snuff my taste, but all the more we are

The best cycling poem that I ever read appeared in last week's *Spectator*. Written by some one thoroughly conversant with the subject, it gave in quite a magical way the very swing and rhythm of wheeling when pursued for pleasure alone, "on the brown road."

Having inspected the fine exhibit of cycles which "Cyclodrom" will show at the forthcoming Stanley celebration, I would recommend all who are looking about for new machines to inspect the Blackfriars road assortment before arriving at final choice.

DR. BARNARDO AGAIN.
The case of the boy Gossage, who was formerly in Dr. Barnardo's Home, was again before Baron Pollock and Justice Hawkins in a return made to the writ of habeas corpus calling upon him to produce the body at the instigation of his mother, who desired to send him to a Roman Catholic institution. Dr. Barnardo stated that since the boy was adopted by Dr. Norton, of Quebec, he has been unable to trace him. The judge directed that an investigation should be made by the court into the truth of this return.

STRANGE CHARGE AGAINST A YOUNG LADY

MISSING LADY.—**Gwyneth Mande**, a fashionably-attired young woman of ladylike appearance and address, who is said to be 28, and who is described as residing at Hyde Park Gate, Kensington, was charged at Marlborough street Police Court on Thursday on a warrant with having stolen two silver salvers and a silver waiter, valued together at £165, and belonging to Messrs. Spink and Sons, of Park-cadilly. She was charged further with having stolen a sealskin mantle, worth £140, and obtaining by false pretences two sealskin jackets and a muff from the Grafton Hotel Company, New Bond-street, and also, at the instance of the latter, the amount of £137, on false credit to the amount of £137, and under false pretences. Mr. Attenborough, solicitor, prosecuted.—The sworn information upon which the warrant was obtained was first read. It was of exceptional length, and it was to the effect that at the request of the prisoner, an assistant to Messrs. Spink and Sons was sent to her residence with a silver salver for her inspection, instruction being given to the assistant to only inspect with it for cash. When the salver was handed to her she said that she could not decide to accept it until she had seen her mother, and she then upstairs, unwilling to be troubled, ordered to take it up to her mother, but the prisoner would not allow him, saying that she would do so herself, left the room. A few minutes later she returned without the salver, and asked him if he would mind leaving it with her until the next day and bring

to compare with it. As it was then business hours, and he would have to take the salver to his own home, the assistant raised no objection to the proposal. On the following day he brought a second salver, and when it had been conveyed upstairs by the prisoner, was met with the request to leave it with the other salvers. This request he refused to do, and also that the prisoner should suggest that he engrave the waiter. Then he suggested that he should show her some old candelaabra which had for sale, and, she acquiescing, on October 31st he took one to the house, and it was placed upstairs by the prisoner, ostensibly with the same object as in the case of the salver, to make the waiter.

On the following day the prisoner was called upon to sign a check for the pawnbrokers—Mr. J. J. Spink, the manager to Mr. Spink, called upon the prisoner on the 2nd inst., and she was waiting for the return of the article, and kept waiting some time and then gave up the candelaabra. Subsequently he learned that it was redeemed on that day—December 1st.

Allen said that he and Sergt. Sharratt arrested the prisoner at her residence. She had been locked, and a servant came out refusing to open the door, and she climbed over. After some delay they admitted her to the house by a manse which she claimed. "It is my mother's." When it did so I return the things?—Upstairs evidence, Mr. Newton ordered a refusal to allow bail.

ELECTION OF MAYORS.
The election of mayors by the municipalities and corporations throughout the country took place on Wednesday. There were 130 Conservatives, 31 Liberal-Unionists, 10 Gladstonites, and 9 whose politics are not stated.

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THE LAMBETH BATHS MEETINGS.
Last week the thirty-first session of the
session which, under the fostering care of

Morley family, has done so excellent a work in South London, commenced with a public tea and meeting, at which many hundreds of friends of the mission were present, among them being Mr. R. K. Cameron, M.P., and several of the representatives of the London County Council.

AMBROSE LAMBETH ON THE BONDING OF CIVILIZATION.

PIROTECHNIC DEVELOPMENT.

When Lord Montagu received that mysterious message on the first Guy Fawkes' day, even that sapient monarch, James I., and VI., with all his prophetic vision, could hardly have foreseen what the future development of the Fifth of November would be. Of course, to arrive at the origin of pyrotechny, it is necessary to travel back to a period prior to the earliest of our Western records, but practically the history of pyrotechnic displays in England, is contemporaneous with the celebration of our school-boys' festival, which was duly observed by the English Church until a very recent time. In the earliest fireworks were only very simple contrivances were known, gunpowder being chiefly used, and the simple metals in a state of combustion supplied the colours, but afterwards maroons, Bengal lights, guns, and rockets, that favour the school, came into fashion, and in the early days of the century the sobriquet of "Old Fireworks," applied to Mr. Pickwick, so roused their of that worthy old gentleman that one would almost be induced to infer that the jumping cracks were then the most popular amusement of the best of us.

The great display of modern fireworks in England was that which the grandfathers of the present Mr. Pain arranged to celebrate the triumphant conclusion of the Crimean War. Big as that show was considered to be, it must be remembered that the rockets of the school-boys' festival, which were the present day those manufactured by Messrs. Pain at their Mitcham works—which cover seventy-two acres, and employ 800 persons—will ascend to a height of a quarter of a mile and burst with results which would then have been thought impossible.

In place of the Catherine wheels of our youth we have now revolving saucers of wonderful splendour, and the audiences who used to applaud the displays at the old Vauxhall Gardens, might well be struck dumb with astonishment could they be present now at Sydenham. The advance of pyrotechny, which owes so much to Messrs. Pain, has done much for the storm-tossed mariner, as it is now possible to discharge a life-saving rocket to a distance of a quarter of a mile against the wind, and such rockets as they are supplied to our coastguard stations. For yesterday's celebration Messrs. Pain arranged for 400 separate displays, and have just completed a contract to provide displays at a cost of £100,000 during the World's Fair at Chicago.

AN AUSTRALIAN BABY FARM.

Great sensation has been caused at Sydney by a discovery made at Macdonald Town, a place situated in the county of Cumberland between Newtown and Alexandria. In the yard attached to the house of a man named Makin the bodies of seven infants have been unearthed, and there seem reasons to believe that a baby farm has been located. Mr. Makin and members of his family have been arrested.

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APPALLING SCENE.**

STATEMENT BY A PORTER.

The porter of the house in the Avenue de l'Opera, an old soldier named Garnier summoned to the entree when the house was discovered. He has given the following evidence to an interviewer:—"I went to the entree immediately after the explosion under the door of the Carmaux Company a large, round, paper parcel, tied a string. I cut the string and unfolded the paper, which bore the date of the 1st; I kept the paper; there it is on the table. I then saw an iron pot on the pot-au-feu kind lying bottom up with a great quantity of dynamite in my arms. I should think it must have weighed five or six kilograms. A house has a back entrance in the d'Argeville. I took it there instead of depositing it in the Avenue de l'Opera. At the meantime, Garnier went to fetch the pot. While waiting for him, I took out one of the iron rods of the width of two fingers wound round it twice, after passing through the handles, held down the lid tightly. Nevertheless, I could see under the lid a kind of white powder and thought it might be dynamite. In fact, I thought to myself, 'at any rate, I will not on this day, I shall not risk a prison by merely looking upon it; so I called my wife, and asked her for a duster. I brought me a large towel, in which I wrapped the pot at once. Just then Sergt. Faure and two policemen came up. One of them took up the bundle by the corners. I will give you the name of the house at the Royal Police Station. Accompanied by Garnier, the company's messenger."—M. Garnier had barely concluded making this statement when two or three of the tenants of the house burst into the concierge's. Some of them were ladies who come to military establishments, and their apprehensions of the house should be taken with the fate of the cafe on the Boulevard Magenta. It may be wondered how a explosive engine could, in broad daylight, be crowded a thoroughfare, be placed on the entree landing of a house tenanted not by the Carmaux Company, but also by a maker of millinery, schoolmistress and engineers. The very multiplicity of rents accounts for it. The outer door is closed during the day, and any one ascending the stairs without attracting notice

THREATENING LETTERS.

A representative of the company has formed the Temps that, ever since the commencement of the strike, threatening letters have been received by the company. The last was received on the 14th and was signed "Two Old Hands from Decease." It ordered the company to reside

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in the request of the union being granted almost universally. It was, however, ascertained that these persons were employed by Criterion, of which the defendant was manager, and a circular was sent out to the union on November 16th giving managers and employees of the union a timely warning. On the 17th, a night for certain players. Further notice was sent out to the managers on December 7th, and the majority of them gave the men what they asked for. The defendant and three or four other managers, however, did not comply with the terms of the notice. A letter was sent to the union on the 10th, and five days after the receipt of that letter certain employees of the defendant were discharged. On the 2nd of January 1892, the defendant wrote a letter to the union which implied to him (plaintiff) that he had paid off the union and was not acting honestly and honestly. The union, on the 10th, wrote a letter in which the defendant wrote and implied that he had taken some share of the money which was missing from the Criterion.—His ship, interrupting, said he had read these letters through carefully, but did not know where the construction which had been put upon them was. Windup said at the point where the plaintiff should be submitted that there was no trial.—His lordship intimated that he did not think the letters implicated any charge against the plaintiff.—Plaintiff said if his lordship decided the case during the point of law, he would ask that each party be allowed to call a witness. The jury, at the sign of the learned judge, found a verdict for the defendant.—Judgment accordingly.

SINGULAR CHARGE OF STEALING GOLD.

William Simmons, gold wire draught Frederick Riley, tipster; and his son Victor, aged 16, were, at Birmingham, committing the sessions, Simmons charged with stealing gold belonging to Messrs. Stanton and Jewellers, Warwick, and the younger defendant, Riley, receiving the gold. The jurors had repeatedly missed gold from the workpeople, and, suspicion falling on Simmons, it was decided, as a test, to palliate: with the gold entrusted to him working up. Subsequently a portion was marked gold wire, and the younger defendant, Riley, a firm of refiners, who, in the instance, had warned detectives. It was ascertained that Simmons had mixed filings and dust with the gold sent back to employers, reducing its value from 15 to 9-carat. In three weeks Messrs. Stanton and Mole had received 100,000 round crucibles and 100,000 would be found in the bonfire of Riley, who had been previously to penal servitude.

THE POST MORTEM EXAMINATION.

The Central News Woodstock correspondent telegraphs that a post mortem examination on the body of the late Duke of Marlborough was conducted at Blenheim Palace on Thursday by Dr. Symonds of Oxford, Dr. Robb, the London physician who the deceased peer, and his son, Lord Charles, had called together by a cable telegram from the Woodstock. The examination revealed a very remarkable degeneration of the muscular tissue of the heart, amply sufficient to account for death, and the suddenness which it arrived.

INQUEST AND VERDICT.

The inquest on the death of the Duke of Marlborough was held on Friday at Blenheim Palace before Mr. W. W. Robinson, coroner, in the opening proceedings, said he had been called together by a cable telegram from the Woodstock, and that the cause of death was self-evident. The body of the duke, which was lying in bed in the duke's room, uncoffined, appeared to be a fine specimen of manhood. His face wore a placid and natural appearance. Kate M'Lean, maid to the duchess, deposed that she went to the duke's room on Wednesday morning. He was going to see the duchess. She was alone with him, and saw no unusual movements or signs of distress. He seemed some directions about the duke who was not well. The duke then appeared in his usual state of health. He had been sitting up nursing the duchess—John Campbell, valet to the deceased, described the finding of the body as follows: "The duke was found dead in bed on Saturday morning, having returned from Norway." Good health was maintained until the day before last, when a medical man had attended him. Mr. Palmer, the steward, said he had seen the duke repeatedly of late. He never complained of ill-health, and was particularly bright on the afternoon before his death. He intended leaving Blenheim to spend a few days at his villa near Rome. On Monday evening he was taken ill, and died. The duke was quite dead. There were no signs of pain or struggle, the face calm, and the appearance of the body indicated that he had died a natural death. His left hand was clenched over his eyes. In conjunction with Dr. Symonds and Dr. Robb, he had made a post mortem examination, and found that there had resulted from well marked calcification of the walls of the ventricles a degeneration of the large vessels of the heart.—Mr. Symonds, surgeon, of Oxford, said he had known the duke for several years, and examined him three weeks ago. He found no evidence of heart disease, and he thought the post mortem, and agreed to the cause of death. This disease could not be detected during life. The other witnesses were all healthy.—The jury immediately turned a verdict in accordance with

of granting, and prohibiting the publication betting odds in the newspapers. (Applause.) His next point was that no notoriously moral man should sit in the House of Commons. (Applause.)—The Rev. Dr. Clifford (Baptist) said he thoroughly agreed with Hughes.—The Rev. Dr. Hastings, while praising the formation of a Methodist party in the House of Commons, thought they, as a unity of free churches, should have an authority in the Legislature, which would enable them on moral questions to guide the policy of the Empire.

DOMESTIC SERVANTS' GRIEVANCES.
At the sitting of the Miscellaneous and Section of the Royal Commission, on Thursday, May 2, Greenman, representing the London Domestic Servants' Union, said there were in London about 240,000 of that class. They wanted the Government to establish gratuitous exchange, summary powers for obtaining wages, the shortening of the hours of labour, and a proper time for recreation.

A SHEFFIELD TRAGEDY.
An attempted murder and a suicide took place the other night in Bath-street, Sheffield. A woman named Elizabeth Baughman and a man, dressed man, name unknown, were walking along Bath-street soon after 9 o'clock, when the man suddenly seized the woman by her shawl and fired two shots from a revolver. He immediately afterwards pointed the weapon at his own forehead, and, having done so, died almost instantaneously. The woman ran away, and was subsequently found at her lodgings at a distance of, with a wound in her neck and a grazed wound at her throat, but these were not serious. She professed to know nothing about the man and said that the wounds were caused by playing with fireworks. Near the scene of the crime lay a six-chambered revolver, the chambers of which had been recently charged.

A CHILD ATTACKED BY A RAT.
An extraordinary incident is reported from Cadoston, near Cardiff, where Mr. and Mrs. McCreight, residing in the main street, were disturbed in their sleep by the piercing screams of their little girl, about 4 years of age, who had been taken from a large leap from the bed. The child's wrist was found to be severely bitten, and the sleep of the nightdress was covered with blood. The doctor was summoned, and, on examining the child, said the rat had sucked a large quantity of blood from the arm.

The contents of the stomach and viscera of the child were examined, and found to be in the stomach, the Government analyst.

differ upon all other questions and do not differ but they were united in their opinion that the principle of a premature dissolution of the House of Commons was wrong. They might differ as to the value of the legislative work of this House of Commons, but they must all agree that the House of Commons, now as always, fulfilled its beneficial function of providing a common meeting ground upon which the members of the different classes of society could exchange their views and their phases of opinion might learn to understand one another. The House of Commons was not—*for*—he trusted that it never would be—a instructed debating, automatically foregoing conclusions. The members of the House of Commons were free people, no doubt, by convictions and in advance the views and opinions of the sent them to Westminster, but they with a large and wide discretion in the means, and capable of contributing to the common stock of the public policy of the country.

PRISON BREAKING.
William Bremner pleaded guilty at a charge of prison-breaking and that he had picked the lock of his prison cell, the lock of three other doors, and getting into the prison roof by a sky-lark, he climbed down by a ladder, and climbed the wall. He was wearing only his drawers, and stockings, but took a stick with which he was charged with steel, and eluded the police for a month, being at last at Inverness. He was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, to begin on expiry of his original twelve months' term.

SHOT.
A correspondent writing from Keenawah, on 15th October, says that on the morning of that day three Habbas, armed robbers in a territory declared a state of siege were, after a court martial to death by being shot. Twenty soldiers placed in two lines were ordered before the condemned men, who stood on an old baobab tree, and when their names were read, only said, "There is one Mahomet in his Prophet." When the first was fired, they all fell to the ground, and the second and third were wounded. The marshal of carabin himself put an end to the misadventure by firing a revolver in the air.

The Queen has approved of Gen. A. Smyth retaining the appointment of Commander-in-Chief at Malacca.

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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

The Bishop of London has instituted the Rev. W. H. Heale to the new vicarage of Holy Trinity, Notting Hill.

The King of Portugal has conferred upon Sir John Pender the Grand Cross of the Order of the Conception.

The Warwick board of guardians have appointed a Miss Archer as rate collector for the parish of Harford.

The fog was too much for Mr. Gladstone on Monday. He did not venture out, but dined with a few personal friends.

The failure of Studley Castle, Warwickshire, with liabilities estimated at over £200,000.

The Royal Oak, the last of the ten first-class battleships authorised in 1889, has been completed at Birkenhead.

The paper making trade in Lancashire is in a very unsatisfactory condition, and several large concerns on the outskirts of Haywood have commenced short.

The carriage building works of Messrs. Macnaught and Co., of Worcester, were partly destroyed by fire the other evening, the damage being estimated at upwards of £50,000.

Lord Malrose, doubtless the latest St. Bernard in the world, died on Sunday of gastric colic, at Boston, Massachusetts. The dog weighed 210lb.

The City of London Guildhall Library appears to be much appreciated. In the past twelve months there were 225,000 signatures in the visitors' book.

Mr. J. Macdonald Cameron has been appointed to the deputy mastership of the Mint at Sydney, New South Wales, in the place of the late Mr. Robert Hunt.

In the United Kingdom the total area under corn crops fell from 11,698,245 acres in 1872 to 10,830,136 acres in 1892, and to 9,328,701 acres in the present year.

Hitherto shipwrights have been eligible to enter the naval service between the ages of 18 and 35, but in 1892, and to 9,328,701 acres in the present year.

Ernest Macmillan, a Liverpool woman, recently made her 315th appearance for drunkenness at the local police court, and was sent to prison for a month.

Official statistics show that in the United Kingdom the number of horses increased from 1,898,239 in 1872 to 2,503,317 in 1892, and to 2,667,549 in 1892.

The meteorological department of Paris states that last month was the wettest October that the city has known since 1769. Rain fell there on thirty successive days.

From the 1st of January to the 31st ult. the number of patients issued at the City of London Court was 26,577, for sums amounting to £151,535.

The Rev. Hayes Robinson has died suddenly at Bournemouth while spending his honeymoon. He was only married at Westow, near Bath, on the 2nd inst.

Mr. H. Husted and Mr. E. Willis have been publicly presented with bronze medals at Windsor for saving a man who had suicidally thrown himself into the Thames.

In a county football match at Camberne a Redruth player, named Carvill, was thrown heavily by one of the opposition backs, and his collar-bone was fractured.

There has recently died in the workhouse at Eaux, in the Department of the Creuse, an old woman, upwards of 114 years of age. She perfectly remembered the year of the Terror.

For the ten expired months of the present year our imports attained the estimated value of £347,138,026, a decrease of £1,468,384 when compared with the corresponding period of 1891.

The fine old peal of five bells at Chobham Church, of which the oldest dates back to 1510, has received the addition of three new ones, presented by the present vicar and his predecessor's family.

David Lewis, a Carmarthen man, disappeared at his father's will, tore the document in pieces when it was being read after the funeral and destroyed the fragments. He has been committed for trial.

Count Johann Krassicki, a Polish landowner and member of the Austrian Upper House, cut his throat with a razor in the doorway of a house in a Vienna suburb. His condition is serious.

The combined quantities of spirits passed by the Excise and the Customs during the last ten months show an increase of some 600,000 gallons of home made and a decrease of the imported foreign of about half as much.

Patrick Bush, a Manchester brute, has been sent to prison for two months for a barbarous assault upon his son. He punished the boy for playing truant by stripping him and applying a hot poker to his body.

All public demonstrations in London, expected to attract large numbers of spectators, a system of hand signalling will be adopted by the police, so that by signs passed from official to official, men held in reserve at any given point can be instantly centred at a scene of disturbance.

In London last week different forms of violence caused 65 deaths, concerning all of which inquests were held. Of these 65 deaths seven were cases of suicide, while the remaining 58 were attributed to accident or negligence.

The Queen and the royal family at Balmoral on Tuesday night witnessed a performance of "The Daughter of the Regiment" by the Carl Rosa Opera Company. Members of the household were privileged to attend, and the servants were also present.

Mrs. Janet Willis, whose death was recently announced, has, in fulfilment of the request made to her by her late husband, bequeathed £1,000 to the Newspaper Press Fund. Mr. William Henry Willis was the devoted friend of Charles Dickens. Mr. Willis was a founder, and, for some years prior to his death in 1880, vice-president of the Newspaper Press Fund.

An order for a new steam fire engine for the Metropolitan Fire Brigade has been placed with Messrs. Merryweather and Sons, who are building one of their patent Greenwich pattern, of a capacity of 450 to 500 gallons per minute, which can be easily drawn by a pair of horses, and which has two engines now in use for the protection of London, while being double their power.

King Leopold opened the session of the Belgian Parliament on Tuesday with a speech, in which he expressed his conviction that the revision of the constitution would again be a work of concord, wisdom, and progress.

For some time past the relations between Belgium and the Netherlands have been marked by reciprocal confidence. The streets of Brussels were crowded, and many persons wore as inscriptions on their hats, "Vive le Suffrage Universel."

The corporation of Blackburn are the owners of the gasworks in the town, and through the cutting off of the supply from a house an explosion occurred, by which a man, named Peterson, who was passing in the street, was killed. At the trial of an action brought by the man's relatives at Salford, the jury awarded them £600 damages. The corporation's appeal from that decision was on Tuesday rejected by the Lords Justices, who held that it was the duty of a gas company to take precautions

against leakage when they cut off a supply, and they dismissed the appeal with costs.

The death has occurred at Leicester of James Plant, the well-known geologist.

There were 319 deaths from diseases of the respiratory organs in the metropolis last week.

The State apartments of Windsor Castle will be closed until further orders.

Battersea vestrymen, with their friends and officials, had their annual banquet on Monday night at Clapham Junction.

Dr. John Charles Steele, the Medical Superintendent of Guy's Hospital, died in that institution on Sunday at the age of 71.

An enterprising agriculturist, of Albion, Michigan, boasts of having grown a bunch of celery with twelve stalks that weighed 15lb.

An accident has occurred at the collieries near Laverney, by which six miners were injured, four of them seriously.

The Admiralty has ordered the Satellite, just refitted at a cost of £12,000, to be commissioned shortly for service on the Australian station.

At St. John's College, Cambridge, L. D. Derris, G. T. Bennett, and T. R. Glover, who distinguished themselves in the university tripos, were elected to fellowships.

Col. Wainwright, of Niddrie, who contested Middlethorpe against Mr. Gladstone, has been appointed a deputy lieutenant for the county by Lord Rosebery, the lord-lieutenant.

When a matrimonial suit came up recently at Wickham, Kansas, there was no defence, so the judge granted a divorce. He had barely signed the decree when word was received that the defendant had just died.

Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, British Ambassador to Spain, after two months' leave of absence, left London on Tuesday afternoon for Madrid, to resume his official duties.

Captain Alexander Plantagenet Hastings, who was appointed to the command of the Hows in September of last year, was flag-captain to Sir William Hewitt during the Egyptian War, in which he saw much service.

Two children, named Moorehouse and Winter (boy and girl respectively), fell into the canal at Mexborough whilst playing, and were both rescued by a workman at the Don Flour Mills named Wroe. It is thought the gallantry ought to receive recognition.

The Queen has presented the Kingston Young Men's Club with a handsome framed portrait of herself bearing her autograph. The gift was accompanied by a letter from Sir Henry Ponsonby, conveying her Majesty's good wishes for the success of the institution.

The Astronomical Society has received from Cape of Good Hope, a specimen of a circular photograph, in which there can be counted, by the aid of a microscope, 50,000 stars of various magnitude. The plate was exposed three hours, and the apparatus regulated by clockwork.

An association of "Old Blues" from Christ's Hospital has been formed to undertake work among the poor of the district of St. John's Islington, which is under the charge of the Rev. G. H. Ayer. It is intended to open a club for the benefit of working men.

It was in 1663 that the immortal Pepys noted as "very strange," that at the banquet "only for the mayor and the lords." Privy Council were invited to the annual civic feast. Those who partook of the annual civic feast were required to bring their own knives and forks.

The rush to Bayley's "gold" find in Western Australia continues, and the exodus from Southern Cross causes quite a dearth there of miners' stores and requisites. Two large pearls, valued respectively at £1,000 and £700, have been found at the north-west pearling-grounds.

The efforts made by the Sunday Society to bring before the public the question of the Sunday opening of museums, libraries, &c., took the form on Sunday of the opening of several collections and galleries, while sermons in support of the aims of the society were preached at various churches.

On Monday morning, about 4 o'clock, a flock of sheep strayed on to the Midland Railway between Leicester and Sheffield, and the cause has just been discovered to be in a remarkable encrustation of the ship's bottom with mussels. Some fifty tons of the hulls have already been scraped off the hull.

According to a recent report, there were 4,272 electric lighting plants throughout Germany, excluding Württemberg and Bavaria, at the end of January. In Prussia, 2,945 electric lamps were in use. There are also 20 electrolytic plants and 53 electric power transmission plants in use.

"The tenant farmers of Ulster" declares the Belfast "Northern Whig," "I know very well that under an Irish Parliament there would be no security for their property, and that Mr. Michael Davitt and his kindred nationalists on the principle of confiscation, might soon have a majority in such an assembly."

Between the lat of April and the 5th inst. the receipts into the Exchequer amounted to £46,893,671, as compared with £47,599,324 in the corresponding period of the last financial year; and the expenditures to £44,843,389, against £44,375,760. On the 5th inst. the Treasury balances stood at £1,064,615, and on the same date in 1891 at £1,064,385.

Lord Brassey presided on Tuesday over a meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute, at the Hotel Metropole, when Sir M. Fraser, agent-general for Western Australia, read a paper upon the resources of that colony.

Lord Brassey read an extract from a letter by the present Lord Tennyson, in reply to one of regret forwarded by the secretary of the institute, of which the late poet had for twenty years been an honorary fellow.

Conditions of work in the glass bottle industry formed an important subject of investigation before Committee C of the Labour Commission, under the chairmanship of Mr. Mundell. Complaints were made of the number of boys employed in the trade in proportion to journeymen, and of the insanitary condition of some of the factories. It was said, too, that disputes had of late been frequent in the trade.

A labourer named Michael McDonna was committed for trial to the Manchester Assizes for assaulting his wife Margaret. The prisoner went home inebriated, and taking a glass bottle from the table struck his wife three heavy blows with it on the head, inflicting a terrible wound, from which she lost a large quantity of blood. The woman was in delicate health at the time. Prisoner's hands were covered with blood when arrested.

According to news received in Berlin from Venice the Empress Frederick a few days ago was walking in the streets with her little dog unmuzzled, in contravention of the police regulations at present in force in that city, when it was seized by a constable, and despite Mrs. Frederick's protests, carried to the station. The Empress had to appear in the police court to answer the charge, but, without giving her name, was at once recognised, and

recovered possession of her pet without further trouble.

Cases of foot and mouth disease continue to appear throughout Denmark.

The annual cost of an occupied bed in one of the London infirmaries under the Poor Law is estimated at something like £35.

Mr. Charles Turner has given £1,000 towards a fund the Bishop of Liverpool is raising for the maintenance of poor Church schools.

Smallpox appears to be spreading in Leicester. Last week three children suffering from scarlet fever were under treatment at the Infirmary Hospital.

Westminster Hospital, founded in 1719—the present buildings date from 1884—has a yearly average of about 27,000 out-patients.

Moritz Richter, aged 83 years, of Huntington, Pennsylvania, deliberately knelt in front of an approaching freight train, and, laying his head across the rails, was decapitated.

Surgeon J. D. Fabick, of the Medical Staff, who served in the Crimean and Indian Mutiny campaigns, has been granted a distinguished service pension of £100 per annum.

One special feature of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn-road, is the admission for clinical training of the female medical students attached to the London School of Medicine for Women.

During the past week fourteen steamers landed cattle and dead meat at Liverpool from American and Canadian ports, bringing a total supply of 3,443 cattle, and 12,333 carcasses of beef.

The parishioners of Byfleet, Weybridge, have just erected a handsome lychnæ as a memorial of their old rector, the late Rev. Newton John Spicer, who ministered there from 1851 to 1884.

The general election in Italy has resulted in the return of a large majority of supporters of the Government. The election is also noticeable for the number of prominent Radical candidates who have been defeated.

The Rev. A. H. Barrow, for the past nine years vicar of Fenny Stratford, has accepted the living of Hillingbury, Sussex. His parishioners have presented him with a set of solid silver candlesticks.

The imports of Jamaica for the year ending last March amounted in value to £1,759,530, and the exports to £1,623,777. The former had decreased by about £400,000, and the latter by over £180,000.

A gentleman named Charles Friend, aged about 50 years, was riding at Merrow, near Guildford, when his horse plunged and threw him. He sustained a fracture of the skull, and died in a few minutes.

Mr. Foster, late superintendent of the City of London Police, for over 50 years a total abstinence, told a Kingston-on-Thames meeting that the life-long doctors' bills for himself and family had not yet reached a total of £5.

In London last week 2,767 births and 1,491 deaths were registered. Allowing for increase of population, the births were 11 above, and the deaths 112 below the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the last ten years.

Mr. Adair, Vice-president of the Council on Education, speaking in Birmingham, said he wished to see educational councils established in the great centres of population, and also a great central council for the country.

The foundation stone was laid on Monday afternoon of new municipal buildings for Battersea. The site is the summit of Lavender Hill. The ceremony was performed by Mr. E. Wood, a churchwarden, and member of the vestry.

In order to work up their fury to a proper pitch, Dahomeans imbibe large quantities of intoxicating liquor before proceeding to battle. Some of these warriors are said to approach a condition of drunkenness when they take up their arms.

The favourite "Guy" in the gunpowder plot commemorated in London was, of course, Neill, who, dressed in sober black, sat mounted in a chair attended by one of his victims. The thing attracted little attention.

It has been resolved by the Erith (Kent) Local Board to insure the lives of the members of the Erith Volunteer Fire Brigade for £250 each, with 30s. a week in case of disablement, this sum being effected by an annual premium of 7s. each.

A wealthy miser, who recently died in the Australian town of Wellington, had not for years worn any covering to his feet, and scarcely took food sufficient to sustain life. At his death recently it was found that he possessed £25,000.

At Plymouth, William Anthony, rent-collector, was sent to jail for six months for embezzling £200 from the sanitary authority. The evidence showed that he paid £40 into the bank, and altered the voucher to £240, equivalent to what he had collected.

The Wrangle Manor estate, situate near Boston, Lincolnshire, and including the manor house, homestead, cottages, buildings, and over 200 acres of arable and pasture land, has been bought by Mr. G. Chevin, of Boston, for £5,600. This is stated to be £7,000 below the mortgage.

After almost twelve months' estrangement the lifeboatman of Blackpool has been persuaded to again join the National Lifeboat Institution. A condition of their promise is, however, that a new boat should be provided in place of the one now in the town, in which the men unanimously are to be appointed. The local committee is to be re-constituted.

In the Queen's Bench an order was made that George Stephenson, solicitor and alderman of Sunderland, should be struck off the rolls for unprofessional conduct in defrauding a woman who could neither read nor write of £1,000. The Lord Chief Justice, several of whom was a most abominable one, and ordered the papers to be submitted to the Attorney-general to see if further proceedings could not be taken.

May I be allowed to raise a note of warning (writes a correspondent of a contemporary), as at this time of year large quantities of English, made in Germany, are imported into this country, the greater part of which come made during the height of the cholera epidemic in the worst affected part of that city? I think that there is little doubt that they contain the germ of a future outbreak of cholera.

These are interesting statistics on the medical profession in Italy—Turin with a population of 135,000 has 431 doctors; Genoa, with 425,000 inhabitants, has 240; Milan, with 375,184, has 391; Venice, with 149,686, has 124; Bologna, with 354,384, has 215; Florence, with 339,855, has 231; Rome, with 507,504, has 508; Palermo, with 466,446, has 316; Messina, with 238,294, has 117; while Naples, with a population of 678,801, rejoices in the enormous number of 1,323.

Certain alarming rumours which have been current in regard to the ill-health of Sir Arthur Sullivan are greatly exaggerated. A week ago Sir Arthur had a slight return of pain, doubtless a result of the hard work of bringing out a new Savoy opera and conducting a Leeds festival. After a few days' rest, he has been out for some time. Indeed, he is leisurely occupying himself with the alterations which he proposes to make in his opera

"Ivanhoe" for its forthcoming presentation at Berlin.

Mr. Gladstone and other leading members of the Government are expected to attend the forthcoming reception at the National Liberal Club, which has been appointed to take place on the first Wednesday after the reassembling of Parliament.

Agnes Pitcher, 39, wife of William Pitcher, of North End, Henley, committed suicide by cutting her throat with a bread knife, at 21, Osborne Villas, Marston-road, Henley. She was staying at Henley for the benefit of her health.

In the course of evidence at the Labour Commission it was suggested by representatives of the Shop Assistants' Union that an Act should be passed empowering local authorities to enforce early closing on the keepers of the town of district.

Mr. Metcalf, an official connected with the Dublin Castle, gave to the Evicted Tenants' Commission some statistics showing the number of tenants evicted on the Clonmacnoise estate, 3,000 police and 1,500 military had been employed, while the cost of maintaining the prisoners arrested at evictions was considerable.

Harold Hagen, the champion skater of the world, has sailed from Christiania for England and the United States. The office of Geographical Surveying, where Hagen was a lithographer, would not grant him the necessary leave of absence during the winter, and he therefore emigrates on his own responsibility. Hagen is a young man of 23.

The arrival in England is announced of the Rev. E. Wardlaw Thompson, formerly secretary of the London Missionary Society, who has just been on a three months' visit to South Africa. While there he had an interesting interview with Khama, the renowned African chief, and conferred with the Bechuanaland missionaries and others, including the native church at Palapye, north of the Transvaal.

An interesting ceremony took place at Eton College on Wednesday afternoon, when the whole of the school assembled in the college quadrangle to witness the presentation by the Society's model and certificate to James Willoughby Jardine, a student, for saving his cousin from drowning in North Devon.

Late on Monday night a large toy cannon burst among several people who were firing it beside a bonfire at Dudley. Four persons were seriously injured, and one of them, a minor named Jonas Long, is not expected to recover. Long, who was a boy, was terribly hurt about the chest. He was taken to the hospital, where Dr. Cooper was called and bruised on the face and Mark Steadman, a youth, was cut about the forehead and nose.

The Board of Trade have awarded their silver medal for gallantry and a sum of money to E. Roer, master, and their bronze medal and a sum of money to H. Helder, J. Gill, J. Jensen, and J. Betts, seamen of the ship Rescue, of Stanley, Falkland Islands, in recognition of their services, in rescuing, on March 16th last, the shipwrecked crew of the ship Viscount, of Liverpool, which was wrecked on Sea Lion Islands on March 10th.

A Berlin correspondent telegraphs that the speech from the Throne in the Prussian Diet dealt chiefly with the financial condition of Prussia. The estimates for 1891-92 show a deficit of over £2,000,000 marks, which will have to be covered by a loan. It is proposed to make several reforms, and to increase income taxes, and to increase the tax on beer heavily taxed than that derived from work.

Mr. Stanfield, M.P., speaking at Darlington, urged that the Liberal should send to the House of Lords, with Home Rule, a measure the passing or rejection of which would aid the Liberal strength in the country and prepare for the contest at the next general election. He referred to registration and the London programme, including the taxation of ground.

The Swiss Government applied to the magistrates at Bow-street for the extradition of Dr. Ludwig Ganting, who is charged with stealing seals of the University of Berne, and forging diplomas. Among the prisoner's effects were found letters showing that he had offered diplomas to a number of medical men in this country. He was remanded.

The Queen received on Sunday the gratifying intelligence of the safe confinement of Her Majesty's granddaughter, Princess Louise of Battenberg (Princess Victoria of Hesse), and of the birth of a son, the Queen's thirteenth great-grandchild. Dr. Champneys, who had been sent by her Majesty, and his attendance. The prince and his infant son are doing as well as possible.

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